

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7454
ANSWERED ON:15.05.2002
SUSPENSION OF SC/ST EMPLOYEES
BASUDEB ACHARIA

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government are aware of the suspension of large number of SC/ST employees working in Atomic Energy Establishment in Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu;
- (b) Whether Government have received any memorandum in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) In the context of a demand for revocation of transfer of an employee from Madras Atomic Power Station to Rajasthan Atomic Power Station ordered by Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited in Exigency of work, on 26.9.2001, the SC/ST Association members at Kalpakkam supported by Tamil Nadu Atomic Power Employees Union (TAPEU) had resorted to various agitational methods involving law and order problems at the plant site. Based on the charges framed by the police authorities, 60 persons including 2 villagers who had formed an unlawful assembly were detained under custody. Consequent on their detention orders on 3.10.2001, the concerned employees of the various constituent units of this Department stationed at Kalpakkam were deemed to have been placed under suspension as per the relevant rules applicable to them.

(b) Several memoranda/representations were received from various agencies such as National Commission for SC/ST, Members of Parliament, Lok Sabha Secretariat (Committee on Energy Branch), etc. and they have been suitably responded.

(c) The matter of suspension of employees who participated in the agitation and who were detained in judicial custody was reviewed on 7.2.2002 and their suspension orders thereafter revoked by the respective competent authorities without prejudice to the right of management to initiate departmental action as deemed fit.